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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2004, applicants provide remarks as indicated in the following sections.

Applicants hereby request a one-month extension of time to respond, extending the due date to February 8, 2005. A check to cover the required extension fee is enclosed.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks begin on page 10 of this document.